

EDITORIALS

Dental Health Week

It seems that every time an organization of some scope wants to promote something it picks six days out of the year and calls them "The Week."

Now we're not quarreling with the ultimate objectives of most of these promotions. After all, if they see the light of day in newspaper it's because some editor sincerely believes in their worthiness.

But we would like very much to wave our banner in support of Dental Health Week, March 5 through 10. Here, in every aspect, is an observance that should be a lifetime habit with all of us—not just once a year.

All that the Los Angeles County Dental Society wishes to "sell" with Dental Week is the clinically-proved fact that most of our tooth and gum troubles are preventable. They're our own fault, largely through general indifference to or ignorance of the simple, basic rules of good oral hygiene.

We're not just flapping our gums, either. Of 187,468 Los Angeles School children examined by school dentists during 1954-55, 60 per cent of them (100,480) had some form of dental disease. And these shocking figures resulted primarily from bad eating habits and parental neglect.

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Fellow we know broke his glasses recently—how is important. But he made an appointment with the optometrist for 3 o'clock one afternoon to get a new set of specs.

He had chomped a few sticks of gum, however, and went through with the examination.

In due time he got his new specs. And therein lies the tale. He couldn't see well through them. Turned out the only time he could make them work was after an afternoon in the local tavern getting back the way he was when his eyes were tested.

He's got his name down for another appointment—in the morning.

We don't mean to alarm you, but did you know there are only 24 more shopping days until you are expected to show up with all that new Easter finery? Better get with it.

While city and county officials were checking Dominguez Channel last week, two young boys (who should have been in school) came downstream poing a long raft just like Mike Fink's boys pole the keel boats on the Davey Crockett show.

This may sound like a plug for General Motors, and goodness knows they are getting along fairly well without our plugs, but if you want to get some idea of the way our children are going to be getting along in the years to come, just catch the big show now in the Pan Pacific Stoves that will boil water in seconds, and yet won't get hot enough to burn your hand.

I could have used one of these the other evening while trying to install some broom hangers behind the water heater compartment in the kitchen, but I have just heard about the new screwdriver which will drive screws around a corner.

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT BY FRANKLIN J. HENNE. Includes text about Canada's largest Arctic town and a husband on the East Coast.



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

My daughter Feesha is just like any other teen-ager. She hates to be treated like a child in front of her boy friends. My little Feesha became uncontrollable last night so I ordered her to bed early.

Getting a wife these days, announces my best friend Fallick, is no different than buying a television set. At a reasonable expenditure, and with a frightening outlook toward considerable expense.

Only a few states like California allow marital deductions for man or wife in setting death taxes. States see that widows get some share of their husband's estates, but in different ways.

Not to be outdone by all those dignified signs around our town reading proudly: "Established in 1896," my personal tailor, Charlie, opened an elaborate haberdashery and hung out his gleaming shingle: "Charlie's Men's Tailor Since 1891!"

What do these things mean? 1. If you are new to California, don't count on your notions of law brought in from another state.

No single incident in the Korean war is more vivid in my memory than one I witnessed in the spring of 1952. The body of a Chinese soldier had been washed up on the bank of a river.

LAW IN ACTION

MANY STATES; DIFFERENT LAWS. People swarm into California each year bringing with them legal notions and papers which rest upon the law in other states.

My French horn instructor, Maestro Bimko, is a sucker for Ralph Edwards' TV show, "This Is Your Life." During Ralph's last program, Bimko just sat there crying and crying.

With an eye toward a possible Pulitzer Prize for 1956 news reporting during 1955, my chronicler attempted this week to reach Dr. William Sawyer by telephone at his Rossmore, N. Y., office.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Coming back from a world which is half-starving to a world which is half-dieting... it must sound like a phrase which to take our voice in behalf of the world's displaced persons... over 50,000,000 of them.

Most of the millions of displaced persons in Asia wander in such remote parts that only the dedicated missionaries can find them and help them. While much is being done, lack of funds and manpower limit help to but a few.

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The Kitchen Sink

By ERNIE HALLIGAN, Herald Staff Writer

Wars start in peace and not the other way around. Wars start in the spirit. The cannons and bombers and all the other tools of warfare are only the embodiment of something that was first accepted in the spirit.

Another war starts it won't be because somebody attacks somebody else it will be because we accepted the idea somewhere along the line that other parts of the world contain weird people who do not think, act and feel exactly as we do.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a list of answers at the bottom.

IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CAHILL

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